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From: Burke, Thomas
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 11:04:42 AM
Subject: Fwd: Hydrologic modeling

FYI, hoping we can discuss later today.

Tom

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McGrath, Shaun" <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>
Date: August 10, 2015 at 1:19:08 AM EDT
To: "Kopocis, Ken" <Kopocis.Ken@epa.gov>
Cc: "Card, Joan" <Card.Joan@epa.gov>, "Burke, Thomas" <Burke.Thomas@epa.gov>, "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Curry, Ron" <Curry.Ron@epa.gov>, "Blumenfeld, Jared" <BLUMENFELD.JARED@EPA.GOV>
Subject: Re: Hydrologic modeling

Drinking water from public drinking water systems has been less of an issue as those water intakes were shut before the plume. Well water is a concern, particularly for wells near to the river.

The modeling will inform how the sediment from blowout behaved once in the Animas River. This will be important as we develop longer term strategies for cleanup and proactive mitigation of impacts.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 9, 2015, at 7:02 PM, Kopocis, Ken <Kopocis.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

Let's see how we can help. I keep hearing more on concerns about drinking water.

Ken Kopocis

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 6:06 PM, Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov> wrote:

Folks. I have communicated with USGS and they are doing the modeling we requested. Let's figure out how to plug in OW and ORD.

Joan Card

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Sent from my EPA iPhone

On Aug 9, 2015, at 3:32 PM, Burke, Thomas <Burke.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Will reach out to our folks first thing tomorrow. Anxious to assist in any way we can.

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On Aug 9, 2015, at 3:42 PM, Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tom and Ken,

As a result of the release in the Animas River, we would like to see if your offices have the capacity/expertise to conduct some hydrologic modeling based on the pulse of water/constituents? The regions are seeking information on a possible extent of deposition, etc. associated with this pulse or plume.

We can explain further to provide context.

Thanks.